

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT  
523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501-3182

SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PROGRAM  
PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, 2014 5:00 PM CDT

RFP #2284

Department of Social  
Services

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**READ CAREFULLY**

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Department of Social Services is soliciting proposals from qualified private entities to develop the following new program(s):

The target population is for 12 youth with serious mental health issues who have resided in out of home placement and are now transitioning into adulthood. This program is expected to provide housing, mental health services and support services targeted to assisting the young adult develop independent living skills. An emphasis on employment, independent living skills and developing community support system will be expected.

Offerors may submit proposals to provide the required services identified within the RFP.

This RFP is designed to provide interested offerors with sufficient basic information to submit proposals meeting minimum requirements, but is not intended to limit a proposal's content or exclude any relevant or essential data. Offerors are at liberty and are encouraged to expand upon the specifications to evidence service capability under any agreement.

All participating offerors must agree to comply with all of the conditions, requirements and instructions of this proposal as stated or implied herein

### 1.2 ISSUING OFFICE AND RFP REFERENCE NUMBER

The Department of Social Services is the issuing office for this document and all subsequent addenda relating to it, on behalf of the State of South Dakota, Department of Social Services. The reference number for the transaction is RFP #2284. Refer to this number on all proposals, correspondence, and documentation relating to the RFP.

### 1.3 BIDDER'S CALL

The Department of Social Services will be conducting a Bidder's Call on July 7, 2014 at 1:00 pm CDT. The conference line number is 1-866-410-8397, passcode: 6849842378. The intent of the Bidder's Call is to provide more in-depth information regarding the background, requirements, and expectations concerning the Services for Transition Age Youth Program, and clarify questions. The Department of Social Services highly encourages offeror participation.

### 1.4 LETTER OF INTENT

All interested offerors are requested to submit a non-binding **Letter of Intent** to respond to this RFP. While preferred, a Letter of Intent is not mandatory to submit a proposal.

The letter of intent must be received by email in the Department of Social Services by no later than July 21, 2014 and must be addressed to Mark Close at [Mark.Close@state.sd.us](mailto:Mark.Close@state.sd.us). Place the following in the subject line of your email: "**Letter of Intent for RFP 2284.**" Be sure to reference the RFP number in any attached letter or document.

### 1.5 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

RFP Publication	June 23, 2014
Bidder's Call	July 7, 2014 1:00 pm CDT
Non-Binding Letter of Intent to Respond Due	July 21, 2014
Deadline for Submission of Written Inquiries	July 28, 2014
Responses to Offeror Questions	August 11, 2014
Proposal Submission	August 25, 2014
Oral Presentations/discussions (if required)	To be announced, if needed
Proposal Revisions (if required)	To be announced, if needed
Anticipated Award Decision/Contract Negotiation	September 15, 2014

## **1.6 SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL**

All proposals must be completed and received in the Department of Social Services by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Activities.

Proposals received after the deadline will be late and ineligible for consideration.

An original copy of the proposal, 5 identical copies, and 1 digital copy of the proposal must be submitted.

All proposals must be signed in ink by an officer of the responder legally authorized to bind the responder to the proposal, and sealed in the form intended by the respondent. Proposals that are not properly signed may be rejected. The sealed envelope must be marked with the appropriate RFP Number and Title. The words "Sealed Proposal Enclosed" must be prominently denoted on the outside of the shipping container. **Proposals must be addressed and labeled as follows:**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2284 PROPOSAL DUE AUGUST 25, 2014  
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
ATTENTION: MARK CLOSE  
700 GOVERNORS DRIVE  
PIERRE, SD 57501-2291**

No punctuation is to be used in the address. The above address as displayed should be the only information in the address field.

No proposal may be accepted from, or any contract or purchase order awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears upon any obligations to the State of South Dakota, or that otherwise may be deemed irresponsible or unreliable by the State of South Dakota.

## **1.7 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

By signing and submitting this proposal, the offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation, by any Federal department or agency, from transactions involving the use of Federal funds. Where the offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, the bidder must attach an explanation to their offer.

## **1.8 NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The State of South Dakota requires that all contractors, offerors, and suppliers doing business with any State agency, department, or institution, provide a statement of non-discrimination. By signing and submitting their proposal, the offeror certifies they do not discriminate in their employment practices with regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, ancestry, national origin or disability.

## **1.9 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by the offeror prior to the established due date and time.

No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile responses or modifications to informal, formal bids, or Request for Proposals will be considered.

## **1.10 OFFEROR INQUIRIES**

Offerors may email inquiries concerning this RFP to obtain clarification of requirements. No inquiries will be accepted after July 28, 2014. Email inquiries must be sent to Mark.Close@state.sd.us with the subject line "RFP #2284."

The Department of Social Services will respond to offerors inquiries by posting the offeror aggregated questions and Department responses on the DSS website at <http://dss.sd.gov/rfp/index.asp> no later than August 11, 2014. Offerors may not rely on any other statements, either of a written or oral nature, that alter any specification or other term or condition of this RFP. Offerors will be notified in the same manner as indicated above regarding any modifications to this RFP.

#### **1.11 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

The proposal of the successful offeror(s) becomes public information. Proprietary information can be protected under limited circumstances such as client lists and non-public financial statements. Pricing and service elements are not considered proprietary. An entire proposal may not be marked as proprietary. Offerors must clearly identify in the Executive Summary and mark in the body of the proposal any specific proprietary information they are requesting to be protected. The Executive Summary must contain specific justification explaining why the information is to be protected. Proposals may be reviewed and evaluated by any person at the discretion of the State. All materials submitted become the property of the State of South Dakota and may be returned only at the State's option.

#### **1.12 LENGTH OF CONTRACT**

It is anticipated that this RFP may result in the selection of one or two provider(s) who will enter into provider agreements with the Department of Social Services. The provider agreements for the provision of transition services resulting from this RFP will be negotiated with the successful offerors based on an approved cost proposal on an annual basis.

The purchase of service contract will begin on October 1, 2014 and end on May 31, 2015. The continuation of the contract in future years will be dependent on the Offeror's performance in implementing the contracted services.

#### **1.13 GOVERNING LAW**

Venue for any and all legal action regarding or arising out of the transaction covered herein must be solely in the State of South Dakota. The laws of South Dakota must govern this transaction.

#### **1.14 DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFERORS (ORAL PRESENTATION/NEGOTIATIONS)**

An oral presentation by an offeror to clarify a proposal may be required at the sole discretion of the State. However, the State may award a contract based on the initial proposals received without discussion with the offeror. If oral presentations are required, they will be scheduled after the submission of proposals. Oral presentations will be made at the offeror's expense.

This process is a Request for Proposal/Competitive Negotiation process. Each Proposal must be evaluated, and each respondent must be available for negotiation meetings at the State's request. The State reserves the right to negotiate on any and/or all components of every proposal submitted. From the time the proposals are submitted until the formal award of a contract, each proposal is considered a working document and as such, will be kept confidential. The negotiation discussions will also be held as confidential until such time as the award is completed.

### **2.0 STANDARD AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Any contract or agreement resulting from this RFP will include the State's standard terms and conditions as seen in Attachment: A

### **3.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

For the purposes of this RFP, each of the program design elements must be included in the submission. The Department of Social Services expects that some elements may be in the preliminary stages of development at the time of RFP application/proposal. During the planning phase, offerors will build upon and strengthen compliance with the mandatory program design elements. Offeror may receive technical assistance prior to program implementation. The offeror must document in written policy/procedure or plan how they plan to accomplish all areas set forth in all sections.

Referrals to the transition program will be at least 18 years old; meet criteria of having a serious mental illness and have functional impairments as a result of the mental illness supporting the need for this level of service. In addition the client must have an understanding of the transition program and voluntarily consent to receive and participate in services. Individuals referred to this service must be approved by the Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health.

- 3.1 The proposal must outline the location of the transition program, numbers able to serve and describe the housing structure. It is expected that clients will live in independent type living environments to develop and foster the skills needed for independent living.
- 3.2 The proposal must outline and explain how the transition from out of home placement to the transitional living setting will be facilitated including transition from children's mental health services to adult mental health services.
- 3.3 The proposal must describe how the offeror will develop a team-oriented approach to work with the client. Expectations are that the team will include clinical, medical and rehabilitation staff expertise within one service delivery team.
- 3.4 The proposal must describe case management services to ensure the delivery of a seamless continuum of highly coordinated services and to work in partnership with clients to assist them in gaining access to needed services and supports.
- 3.5 The proposal must describe how psychiatric treatment, psychotherapy, medication services including assessment and monitoring, educational and vocational assistance, substance abuse services, family education and support will be provided. Emphasis on job skills and training will be expected.
- 3.6 The proposal must describe crisis assessment and intervention services available 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The offeror must have additional staff available to serve a client during emergencies, vacations, illness of regular staff, and when the regular staff is off duty.
- 3.7 The proposal must describe treatment planning and frequency of review meetings.
- 3.8 The proposal must describe how the offeror would determine the independent living skill needs of each youth and the independent living services that would be provided, including but not limited to things such as money management, personal appearance, health, medication management skills, housekeeping, transportation, educational planning, job seeking/maintenance, emergency and safety skills, knowledge of community resources, and leisure activities.
- 3.9 The proposal must describe staff to client ratio and the frequency of contacts.
- 3.10 The proposal will describe any evidence based practices that will be used in this program.
- 3.11 The proposal must describe a valid measurement of the outcome of services to promote the client's development both physically and mentally and identify the tools utilized in obtaining the outcomes data.
- 3.12 The proposal must specify in writing their agreement to work collaboratively with the Department of Social Services in reviewing the content of the programming and agree to submit information to the Department of Social Services for billing purposes including outcome data.

#### **4.0 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMPANY QUALIFICATIONS**

- 4.1 The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of South Dakota is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the proposal. The offeror's failure to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.
- 4.2 The proposal must include the names of individuals that will be working in the program. If the offeror does not have the needed staff employed to operate the programs, they must submit a time frame for hiring these staff.
- 4.3 The proposal must include copies of the credentials of the aforementioned individuals.
- 4.4 The proposal must include copies of any current accreditation certificates. Proposals from entities not currently accredited by the State must submit a projected timeline regarding how the program would become

accredited.

- 4.5 The proposal must include letters of support from individual agencies or public entities that have worked with the offeror on local projects and can attest to the offeror commitment to quality care and to the community in which they are located.
- 4.6 The proposal must detail who the offeror will need to partner with to operate the above programs and letters of agreement from these entities in the partnership.
- 4.7 The proposal will document the number of years the offeror has been operating services in the community where they are located.

**Offeror's Contacts:** Offerors and their agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the RFP, the evaluation, etc. to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this RFP. Offerors and their agents may not contact any state employee other than the buyer of record regarding any of these matters during the solicitation and evaluation process. Inappropriate contacts are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Offerors and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer of record.

- 4.8 The offeror may be asked to submit a copy of their most recent independently audited financial statements.
- 4.9 Provide the following information related to at least three previous and current service/contracts performed by the offeror's organization which are similar to the requirements of this RFP, if the offeror is not currently contracted with the Department of Social Services. Provide this information for any service/contract that has been terminated, expired or not renewed in the past three years:
  - a. Name, address and telephone number of client/contracting agency and a representative of that agency who may be contacted for verification of all information submitted;
  - b. Dates of the service/contract; and
  - c. A brief, written description of the specific prior services performed and requirements thereof.
- 4.10 The offeror must submit information that demonstrates their availability and familiarity with the locale in which the project (s) are to be implemented.
- 4.11 The offeror must detail examples that document their ability and proven history in handling special project constraints.
- 4.12 If an offeror's proposal is not accepted by the State, the proposal will not be reviewed/evaluated.

## **5.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT**

- 5.1 An original and 5 copies must be submitted.
  - 5.1.1 In addition, the offeror should provide one (1) copy of their entire proposal, including all attachments, in PDF electronic format. Offerors may not send the electronically formatted copy of their proposal via email.
  - 5.1.2 The proposal should be page numbered and should have an index and/or a table of contents referencing the appropriate page number.
  - 5.1.3 All proposals must be organized and tabbed with labels for the following headings:
  - 5.1.4 **RFP Form.** The State's Request for Proposal form completed and signed.
  - 5.1.5 **Executive Summary.** The one or two page executive summary is to briefly describe the offeror's proposal. This summary should highlight the major features of the proposal. It must indicate any requirements that cannot be met by the offeror. The reader should be able to determine the essence of the proposal by reading the executive summary. Proprietary information requests should be identified in this section.

- 5.1.6 **Detailed Response.** This section should constitute the major portion of the proposal and must contain at least the following information:
- 5.1.6.1 A complete narrative of the offeror's assessment of the work to be performed, the offeror's ability and approach, and the resources necessary to fulfill the requirements. This should demonstrate the offeror's understanding of the desired overall performance expectations. The narrative must not exceed 15 pages.
  - 5.1.6.2 A specific point-by-point response, in the order listed, to each requirement in the RFP as detailed in Sections 3 and 4. The response should identify each requirement being addressed as enumerated in the RFP.
  - 5.1.6.3 A clear description of any options or alternatives proposed.
  - 5.1.6.4 Letters of support, letters of agreement, documentation of agencies State or National accreditation and a copy of the licensure or certification certificate of those individuals who are assigned to work on one or both of the projects.
- 5.1.7 **Cost Proposal.** Cost will be evaluated independently from the technical proposal. Offerors may submit multiple cost proposals. All costs related to the provision of the required services must be included in each cost proposal offered.
- Provide 1 original, 5 copies, and 1 digital copy of the cost report.
- See section 7.0 for more information related to the cost proposal.

## **6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCESS**

- 6.1 After determining that a proposal satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Request for Proposal, the evaluator(s) must use subjective judgment in conducting a comparative assessment of the proposal by considering each of the following criteria:
- 6.1.1 Specialized expertise, capabilities, and technical competence as demonstrated by the proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements. The ability to collect specific data and report outcome measures.
  - 6.1.2 Resources available to perform the work, including any specialized services, with the specified time limits for the project. The offeror's ability to provide the services listed 3.0 Scope of Work.
  - 6.1.3 Proposed project management techniques. The expertise of offeror's personnel. The offeror's expertise in the area of youth transitioning to adulthood with mental health issues.
  - 6.1.4 Record of past performance, including price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration.
  - 6.1.5 Cost proposal. Proposed budget request.
  - 6.1.6 Ability and proven history in handling special project constraints
  - 6.1.7 Availability to the project locale
  - 6.1.8 Familiarity with the project locale
- 6.2 Experience and reliability of the offeror's organization are considered subjectively in the evaluation process. Therefore, the offeror is advised to submit any information which documents successful and reliable experience in past performances, especially those performances related to the requirements of this RFP.

- 6.3 The qualifications of the personnel proposed by the offeror to perform the requirements of this RFP, whether from the offeror's organization or from a proposed subcontractor, will be subjectively evaluated. Therefore, the offeror should submit detailed information related to the experience and qualifications, including education and training, of proposed personnel.
- 6.4 The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the State of South Dakota.

## **7.0 COST PROPOSAL**

- 7.1 Each offeror must submit a budget proposal identifying projected costs for operation of the proposed program for a one year period. The cost proposal must be provided in the exact format included on the attached cost report (Attachment B).
- 7.2 The program's actual final rate of reimbursement for the first year of operation will be established retroactively based upon the program's actual allowable costs determined by utilizing the Department's reimbursement guidelines. The maximum amount of final reimbursement per day for the first year of operation will not exceed the offeror's rate per day identified in the offeror cost proposal.
- 7.3 Actual allowable costs incurred for the first year of operation will be compared to total payments received through the interim daily per diem rate to determine the amount of the retroactive adjustment.
- 7.4 For each succeeding state fiscal year, the Department will utilize its reimbursement guidelines to establish a daily per diem rate adjusted by inflation policy as appropriated by the legislature.

# Attachment A

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**Purchase of Services Agreement  
Between**

State of South Dakota  
Department of Social Services  
Division of Behavioral Health  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

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Referred to as Provider

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Referred to as State

The State hereby enters into a vendor-type contractual agreement for procurement of goods or services. While performing services hereunder, Provider is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, or employee of the State of South Dakota.

1. PROVIDER'S South Dakota Vendor Number is: \_\_\_\_\_
2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:
  - A. This agreement shall be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_ and shall end on \_\_\_\_\_, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.
  - B. Agreement is the result of request for proposal process, RFP #: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. PROVISIONS (add an attachment if needed) :
  - A. The Purpose of this agreement is to:
    - 1.
    2. This agreement will involve Protected Health Information (PHI).  
If PHI is involved, a Business Associate Agreement is attached and fully incorporated herein as part of the agreement.
  - B. The Provider agrees to perform the following services:
  - C. The TOTAL AMOUNT of this agreement will not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
Payment will be in accordance with SDCL 5-26.

4. BILLING:

Provider agrees to prepare and submit a bill for services within 30 days following the end of the month in which services were provided. If the provider cannot submit a bill within the 30-day timeframe, a written request for an extension of time must be provided to the State. If a bill has not been received by the State, the State reserves the right to refuse payment.

An exception to this is when a provider is waiting for program/funding eligibility determination and billing cannot be made within 30 days. Valid adjustments and/or voiding of claims can continue to occur past the 30-day timeframe.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

The State agrees to provide technical assistance regarding Department of Social Services' rules, regulations and policies to the Provider and to assist in the correction of problem areas identified by the State's monitoring activities.

6. LICENSING AND STANDARD COMPLIANCE:

The Provider agrees to comply in full with all licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance in which the service and/or care is provided for the duration of this agreement. Liability resulting from noncompliance with licensing and other standards required by Federal, State, County, City or Tribal statute, regulation or ordinance or through the Provider's failure to ensure the safety of all individuals served is assumed entirely by the Provider.

7. ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The Provider agrees to abide by all applicable provisions of the following assurances: Lobbying Activity, Debarment and Suspension, Drug-Free Workplace, Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pro-Children Act of 1994, Hatch Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Charitable Choice Provisions and Regulations, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as applicable.

8. RETENTION AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS:

The Provider agrees to maintain or supervise the maintenance of records necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the program, including records and documents regarding applications, determination of eligibility (when applicable), the provision of services, administrative costs, statistical, fiscal, other records, and information necessary for reporting and accountability required by the State. The Provider shall retain such records for six years following termination of the agreement. If such records are under pending audit, the Provider agrees to hold such records for a longer period upon notification from the State. The State, through any authorized representative, will have access to and the right to examine and copy all records, books, papers or documents related to services rendered under this Agreement. State Proprietary Information retained in Provider's secondary and backup systems will remain fully subject to the obligations of confidentiality stated herein until such information is erased or destroyed in accordance with Provider's established record retention policies.

All payments to the Provider by the State are subject to site review and audit as prescribed and carried out by the State. Any over payment of this agreement shall be returned to the State within thirty days after written notification to the Provider.

9. WORK PRODUCT:

Provider hereby acknowledges and agrees that all reports, plans, specifications, technical data, drawings, software system programs and documentation, procedures, files, operating instructions and procedures, source code(s) and documentation, including those necessary to upgrade and maintain the software program, State Proprietary Information, State Data, End User Data, Personal Health Information, and all information contained therein provided to the State by the Provider in connection with its performance of service under this Agreement shall belong to and is the property of the State and will not be used in any way by the Provider without the written consent of the State.

Paper, reports, forms software programs, source code(s) and other materials which are a part of the work under this Agreement will not be copyrighted without written approval of the State. In the unlikely event that any copyright does not fully belong to the State, the State none the less reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, any such work for government purposes.

Provider agrees to return all information received from the State to State's custody upon the end of the term of this contract, unless otherwise agreed in a writing signed by both parties.

10. COST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

☐ The provider agrees to submit a cost report in the format required by the State, and is due four months following the end of the provider's fiscal year.

or

☐ No reporting is required.

11. TERMINATION:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days written notice, and may be terminated by the State for cause at any time, with or without notice. On termination of this agreement all accounts and payments shall be processed according to financial arrangements set forth herein for services rendered to date of termination.

12. FUNDING:

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reduction, this Agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

13. AMENDMENTS:

This agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the State. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be expressly identified as a part hereof, and be signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

14. CONTROLLING LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this Agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

15. SUPERCESSION:

All other prior discussions, communications and representations concerning the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded by the terms of this Agreement, and except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof.

16. SEVERABILITY:

In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

17. IT STANDARDS:

Provider warrants that the software and hardware developed or purchased for the state will be in compliance with the BIT Standards including but not limited to the standards for security, file naming conventions, executable module names, Job Control Language, systems software, and systems software release levels, temporary work areas, executable program size, forms management, network access, tape management, hosting requirements, administrative controls, and job stream procedures prior to the installation and acceptance of the final project. BIT standards can be found at <http://bit.sd.gov/standards/>.

18. NOTICE:

Any notice or other communication required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given by and to the Division being contracted with on behalf of the State, and by the Provider, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to or between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail, provided that notice of default or termination shall be sent by registered or certified mail, or, if personally delivered, when received by such party.

19. SUBCONTRACTORS:

Provider may not use subcontractors to perform the services described herein without the express prior written consent of the State. The State reserves the right to reject any person from the contract presenting insufficient skills or inappropriate behavior.

Provider will include provisions in its subcontracts requiring its subcontractors to comply with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, to indemnify the State, and to provide insurance coverage for the benefit of the State in a manner consistent with this Agreement. Provider will cause its subcontractors, agents, and employees to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, guidelines, permits and requirements and will adopt such review and inspection procedures as are necessary to assure such compliance.

The State, at its option, may require the vetting of any subcontractors. The Provider is required to assist in this process as needed.

20. HOLD HARMLESS:

The Provider agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as the result of performing services hereunder. This section does not require the Provider to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from errors or omissions of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

21. INSURANCE:

Before beginning work under this Agreement, Provider shall furnish the State with properly executed Certificates of Insurance which shall clearly evidence all insurance required in this Agreement. The Provider, at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall obtain and maintain in force insurance coverage of the types and with the limits listed below. In the event a substantial change in insurance, issuance of a new policy, cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy, the Provider agrees to provide immediate notice to the State and provide a new certificate of insurance showing continuous coverage in the amounts required. Provider shall furnish copies of insurance policies if requested by the State.

A. Commercial General Liability Insurance:

Provider shall maintain occurrence-based commercial general liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or be no less than two times the occurrence limit.

B. Business Automobile Liability Insurance:

Provider shall maintain business automobile liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$500,000 for each accident. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.

C. Workers' Compensation Insurance:

Provider shall procure and maintain Workers' Compensation and employers' liability insurance as required by South Dakota law.

D. Professional Liability Insurance:

Provider agrees to procure and maintain professional liability insurance with a limit not less than \$1,000,000.

22. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Provider agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

23. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION:

Provider certifies, by signing this agreement, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal government or any state or local government department or agency. Provider further agrees that it will immediately notify the State if during the term of this Contract, either it or its principals become subject to debarment, suspension or ineligibility from participating in transactions by the federal government, or by any state or local government department or agency.

24. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION:

For the purpose of the sub-paragraph, "State Proprietary Information" shall include all information disclosed to the Provider by the State. Provider acknowledges that it shall have a duty to not disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person for any reason without the express written permission of a State officer or employee with authority to authorize the disclosure. Provider shall not: (i) disclose any State Proprietary Information to any third person unless otherwise specifically allowed under this contract; (ii) make any use of State Proprietary Information except to exercise rights and perform obligations under this contract; (iii) make State Proprietary Information available to any of its employees, officers, agents or consultants except those who have agreed to obligations of confidentiality at least as strict as those set out in this contract and who have a need to know such information. Provider is held to the same standard of care in guarding State Proprietary Information as it applies to its own confidential or proprietary information and materials of a similar nature, and no less than holding State Proprietary Information in the strictest confidence. Provider shall protect confidentiality of the State's information from the time of receipt to the time that such information is either returned to the State or destroyed to the extent that it cannot be recalled or reproduced. State Proprietary Information shall not include information that (i) was in the public domain at the time it was disclosed to Provider; (ii) was known to Provider without restriction at the time of disclosure from the State; (iii) that is disclosed with the prior written approval of State's officers or employees having authority to disclose such information; (iv) was independently developed by Provider without the benefit or influence of the State's information; (v) becomes known to Provider without restriction from a source not connected to the State of South Dakota. State's Proprietary Information shall include names, social security numbers, employer numbers, addresses and all other data about applicants, employers or other clients to whom the State provides services of any kind. Provider understands that this information is confidential and protected under applicable State law at SDCL 1-27-1.5, modified by SDCL 1-27-1.6, SDCL 28-1-29, SDCL 28-1-32, and SDCL 28-1-68 as applicable federal regulation and agrees to immediately notify the State if the information is disclosure, either intentionally or inadvertently. The parties mutually agree that neither of them shall disclose the contents of the agreement except as required by applicable law or as necessary to carry out the terms of the agreement or to enforce that party's rights under this agreement. Provider acknowledges that the State and its

agencies are public entities and thus are bound by South Dakota open meetings and open records laws. It is therefore not a breach of this contract for the State to take any action that the State reasonably believes is necessary to comply with the South Dakota open records or open meetings laws. If work assignments performed in the course of this agreement require additional security requirements or clearance, the Provider will be required to undergo investigation.

25. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

In witness hereto, the parties signify their agreement by affixing their signatures hereto.

_____ Provider Signature	_____ Date
_____ State- DSS Division Director Tiffany Wolfgang	_____ Date
_____ State - DSS Deputy Secretary Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger	_____ Date
_____ State – DSS Cabinet Secretary Lynne A. Valenti	_____ Date

State Agency Coding:

CFDA#	_____	_____	_____	_____
Company	_____	_____	_____	_____
Account	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center Req	_____	_____	_____	_____
Center User	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dollar Total	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Attachment B

### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSITION PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FUNDING REQUEST

Funding Period: July 1, 2014- May 31, 2015	
Funding Subarea(s)	Total Cost
<b>Personnel Costs:</b>	
Administrative	
Professional/Program Staff	
Support Staff	
Benefits	
Other: (Describe)	
<b>Consultant Costs:</b>	
Training (Including staff hours to attend)	
Professional Fees and Contract Services	
Other: (Describe)	
<b>Supported Housing:</b>	
Rent	
Utilities	
Other: (Describe)	
<b>Operating Costs:</b>	
Equipment and Supplies	
Printing/Publishing/Postage	
Telephone/Cell Phones/ Internet	
Office Supplies	
Insurances	
Local Staff Travel	
Other Costs: (Describe)	
<b>Other: Describe</b>	

<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST</b>	